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Beanstalk puts down roots in the Blackdown Hills

FEW would disagree that life is better when one can read well and express thoughts and ideas confidently.

However, low levels of literacy are a persistent problem, both nationally and locally.

Beanstalk is a national literacy charity that aims to improve children's life chances by recruiting and supporting volunteers and placing them in local primary schools.

These volunteers work with children who have either fallen behind with their reading, lack confidence, or struggle with their fluency, comprehension or vocabulary.

Peter Shelton, South West Team Leader for Beanstalk said: "We recently started working in Churchstanton Primary School, with two reading helpers visiting regularly to help struggling readers. "Dorothy and Kieven both live locally and wanted to give some of their time to volunteer, and make a difference in children's lives."

Mr Shelton said that the children being helped have started to make promising progress and the charity is searching for more people from the Blackdown Hills to spare a few hours a week supporting children in local primary schools.

Mr Shelton said: "As a Beanstalk reading helper in a local school, you will work with three children at a primary school near you and spend 30 minutes with each child twice a week, during term-time, for at least one academic year.

"Very importantly, Beanstalk sessions are meant to be relaxed, informal and fun. By having this one-to-one time with each child the reading helper can help to develop the child's reading skills and wider language acquisition in a fun and engaging way.

Mr Shelton said: "Reading helpers are able to tailor resources to the individual interests to ensure it's relevant to the child."

For more information, visit www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk.

A good sign for Hemyock

HEMYOCK Parish Council (HPC) is planning to install a Visitor Information Board in the village car park.

One of the panels will be a map of the village with photos and descriptions of points of interest.

The map shown is a draft; the final version will be professionally designed by Ken White Signs of Tiverton.

The Clerk to HPC said: "We welcome any comments about the draft and any ideas for additional points of interest to be included on the panel, which will be 3ft 11in x 2ft 10in (1.2m x 0.84m)."

Comments to the Parish Clerk should be sent by email to Hemyockpc@gmail.

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Wellington headmaster on path to Rutland

THE headmaster of Wellington School, Henry Price, is moving on to pastures new at the end of the next academic year.

Mr Price, who became headmaster at the independent school in 2014, is taking on the same role at Oakham School in Rutland.

Mr Price is moving closer to family and has existing connections with what will be his new school.

He joined Wellington School from Rugby where he was Head of Classics and a Senior Housemaster.

He was educated at Eton and Oxford and has maintained Wellington School's strong academic reputation while emphasising the importance of a rich co-curriculum and excellent pastoral care.

Wellington School's chairman of Governors Anna Govey congratulated Henry, wife Mary and their family on his new role.

She said: "It is testimony to the quality of his leadership, integrity and passion for education – we are delighted this has been recognised by Oakham School."

Miss Govey added: "Over the coming months, the Board of Governors will conduct a thorough recruitment process and is confident of making an outstanding appointment to lead the school from September 2019.

"Wellington has an excellent reputation nationally and locally for the quality of its academic results, the breadth of opportunity beyond the classroom and its strong relationships across the school.

We will undoubtedly attract a very strong field."

A successful Summer Supper at St Mary's

FISH pie, quiches, cold meats, salads, a cheese board along with trifle, lime pie, and fruit salad and other desserts were just a few of the choices at the Summer Supper organised by the Friends of St Mary's, Hemyock which raised £211.

The event held at the Church Room also had wine, soft drinks, and other refreshments on offer, and the evening proved to be a hit with all who attended.

The Friends fund raise throughout the year towards the upkeep and special projects at the Parish Church and organise and run the café at the very successful St Mary's Church Charity Shop held at the Church Room three times a month.

A concert on Saturday, July 21 with the Wyndham Singers, a popular men's singing group, will be the Friends next event.

Starting at 7.30pm it has free admission with a retiring collection and there will be light refreshments available during the interval.

It will be Pimm's o'clock all afternoon at the Angersleigh Summer Fair

A glass of Pimm's, perfect for a Summer fair. Image courtesy of Dinner Series.

THE annual Angersleigh Summer Fair will be held on Saturday, July 14 at 2.30pm.

A wide variety of stalls will be selling local produce, plants, home-made cakes, jams, preserves, toys, books and much more, which you can browse to the sound of a live band.

Plenty of entertainment is planned including a coconut shy, skittles, raffle, pony rides and children's games and activities.

Home-made teas, ice creams and a Pimm's tent will provide refreshment.

Sheldon Gardens open weekend raises more than £1,100

1HE tiny village of Sheldon, in the Blackdown Hills, held an open gardens weekend last month, raising some £1,130.

A spokesperson reported: "There were nine varied gardens to visit, located around the village.

"The venues offered formal borders, natural areas, cottage garden planting, ponds, shrubs and trees, vegetable areas and lovely views, and all proceeds will be shared between the Church of St James and the Village Hall.

There was also an exhibition in the Hall about the history of Sheldon, including information and photos of the National School 1874-1947.

One of the delightful gardens in Sheldon.

New queen makes grand entrance to the Blackdown Hills

BEES that took up residence in Roger and Valerie Congram's back garden in Rockwell Green have been found a new home.

Joss Langford said: "I collected the swarm from Roger and Valerie after Taunton Deane Borough Council gave them my contact details.

"It was a very large swarm that I safely moved to an orchard in the Blackdown Hills. We 'walked them in' using the traditional method by depositing the swarm on a sheet leading up to the hive entrance.

"We were able to watch all the bees, including the queen, walk in to their new home. The bees have been donated to a new beekeeper who is picking up where her father left off some years ago."

War on waste continues at Hemyock's Repair Cafe

THE next Repair Cafe in Hemyock is on Saturday, July 28 at the Parish Hall, and people are invited to bring along a range of items for possible repair.

Items can include bicycles, electronic gadgets, clothes, fabrics, small items of furniture, ceramics, electrical goods, and garden equipment.

The service is free, but donations are welcomed.

Organiser Trish Comrie, speaking about the recent Page 1 piece in the *View*... about the launch said:" It was commented on by quite a few people, and the second repair cafe was almost equal to the first.

"As a result, we have now had 99 items brought in for mending (over the two events), with between 80 to 85 per cent of them being given a new lease of life!

"That's a lot of stuff not getting dumped in landfill," said Trish.

She added that it is volunteer-un, and donations go towards the cost of the room hire, refreshments for the battalion of repairers, and any materials they may need.

"Any donation is gratefully received," said Trish.

"After all, it's a small amount to contribute compared to paying for a new item!"

Cake, teas, and other refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Trish on 01823 602908, trishcomrie@gmail.com, or search for RepairCafeBlackdowns on Facebook.

Daddy, it says in the *View*... that you could have gone to the Repair Cafe to fix Johnny's soldiers, rather than buy new ones.

Send your news to blackdowns@tindlenews.co.uk.

Well I'll be! *The View*... joins the Drones Club

REGULAR *View*... contributor Clive Lloyd has supplied this superb photograph from his garden.

Says Mr Lloyd: "This tired bee wolfed up the honey I put in front of him, then he flew back to work."

The View... welcomes readers' photographs of all things bright and beautiful, or merely intriguing, in the Blackdown Hills.

Send your images to the address below left.

Friends of St Mary's strike right note at sponsored hymn singing

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Hemyock recently held a sponsored hymn sing with visitors being invited to be part of for as long or short a time as they wished.

There was an interval for tea and donations amounted to just under £69.

Once the sponsor money had been collected the Friends were amazed and delighted that the total collected was £462.90.

The group would like to thank all who supported the event which turned into a most enjoyable afternoon.

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An eventful few months for the Gardening Club

Image courtesy of Deer Park Country House.

ON Wednesday. May 16 the Blackdown Hills Gardening Club enjoyed a tour of the gardens at the Deer Park Country House hotel near Honiton.

The estate manager and head gardener Ollie Forster was the very knowledgeable guide, and told us that five years ago the hotel was taken over by new management.

It has invested a lot of money in the hotel and its surroundings, including a six-to-eight year project restoring and improving the gardens.

Some of the changes are subtle, such as raising the tree canopy to improve the views across the parkland, and others more profound such as the planting of 1,500 cider apple trees.

The old croquet lawn is being enhanced so it can be used as an open-air wedding venue complete with wisteria tunnel, and the productive walled kitchen garden contained amongst other things dozens of intensely blue Himalayan poppies bought from the Chelsea Flower Show that stopped every visitor in their tracks.

The tour concluded with an excellent cream tea.

On June 20, a large group of club members and friends visited Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens between Bridport and Weymouth for a guided tour.

On Sunday. July 15, the club is visiting two fabulous gardens within a short distance of one another, Tintinhull and East Lambrook Gardens. Starting at Tintinhull at 11am the group entrance fee is £6.50 (free to National Trust members).

You are invited to bring a picnic or to book lunch at the Crown and Victoria, Tintinhull.

We then move on to East Lambrook Gardens at 2.30pm where the entrance fee is £5.25 and teas are available.

The next club presentation at Churchinford Village Hall is on Wednesday, August 15 at 7.30pm. Paul Rendell will be sharing his knowledge of wild plans in Devon and more locally in the Blackdown Hills.

The other date to put in your diary is Wednesday, October 17.

Anne Swithinbank, the famous freelance gardening broadcaster and writer is coming to Churchinford. She is known as a regular panellist on *Gardeners' Question Time* and has presented *Gardeners' World*.

Tickets will cost £8 for visitors and will soon be available to buy.

All club meetings are at Churchinford Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Contact Tim Allen on 01823 601022 for more information. Please keep an eye out for new posters for further details.

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St Mary's welcomed a visitor from Potter's Village, Uganda

THE service of Morning Prayer at Hemyock took place at the Church Room as Café Church.

The congregation both young and not so young welcomed speaker Dr Nicci Maxwell, a paediatrician and native South African, as they partook of light refreshment before the service began.

Brian Samuels from the Lay Team led the service, the reading was given by Meg Palmer and Val White led prayers. The Rector, Rev David Burton, was also present.

Nicci had been due to visit St Mary's earlier in the year but snow had prevented this however the wait was all the more enjoyable, inspiring and thought provoking as she spoke about the work carried out at Potter's Village, a child crisis and medical centre in Kisoro, Uganda.

Dr Maxwell spoke of the time she had spent at Potters and how she was looking forward to returning with the Church Mission Society in August.

She spoke of Rev Jenny Green – who founded the centre and is now based in the UK – the sadness when children and mothers died and the great joy in those the centre had, and continue, to help whether it was teaching good health, ensuring healthy births, returning orphans to extended family or finding foster families.

Her slide show showed the beauty of the area as well as the day-to-day living conditions of the local community.

Dr Maxwell spoke of the importance of prayer and of the financial support received from various churches, St Mary's being one of those who had supported the project for many years.

A number of years ago, six members of the church visited Uganda and two had spent considerable time over the years working at Potter's.

An opportunity to donate towards the continuing work at the centre amounted to over £450.

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Dr Nicci Maxwell (left) spoke to the congregation about the work of Potter's Village in Uganda. Potter's Village has a health care facility for children up to the age of 12 and a special care baby unit to care for premature babies, alongside facilities to help the recovery of acutely malnourished children.

Some good news to share from *your* community? Tell the world by sending it to blackdowns@tindlenews.co.uk!

Painted with Mother Nature's palette

IT is time to break the picture editor's *omertà*.

Sometimes, only sometimes, a photograph is retouched and enhanced to make colours more vibrantly striking.

It is not really cheating, but merely an addition, like a bit of lipstick on the lips.

However, this photograph by View... reader Michael Deardon is untouched, by human hand anyway. To add anything would simply take away.

Mr Deardon said: As an old, amateur wildlife photographer, I feel honoured! I love walking the countryside with my little yellow Lab and camera and just seeing what appears! Here's a Kingfisher I took on the river that I'm quite pleased with."

And justifiably so, Mr Deardon.

The View... is always keen to receive readers' photographs, especially of the natural world.

If you have any, please send them to blackdowns@tindlenews.co.uk.

Make your nominations for the East Devon AONB Acland Awards

THE voting window for this year's East Devon AONB Acland Awards has opened.

A spokesperson said: "This year we will be celebrating health and wellbeing projects and we want your help to bring the best of the East Devon AONB into the spotlight by nominating project or individual that deserves celebration and public recognition.

"We are inviting nominations for projects that seek to enhance people's physical, mental or both health through closer connection with the environment of the East Devon AONB."

Who can apply?

Local groups, schools, clubs, associations, individuals and businesses are all eligible for nomination.

What sorts of project might qualify?

It's important that the projects nominated each have a connection with the promotion and enhancement of wellbeing, whether that is cultural, physical or mental, within this AONB.

Example projects could be:

Art classes connected with the landscape and surroundings
Craft classes
Canoeing, cycling or dance
Eco-therapy
Equine-assisted coaching
Healthy eating
Horticultural classes
Outdoor learning, forest schools, and outdoor play
Wildlife conservation tasks
Photography
Rambles, nature walks

The spokesperson continued: "This list is to give examples only and is not exhaustive. If you have a project you would like to nominate, but you'd like to check if it qualifies, please call to discuss.

"You can call Pete with any questions: 01404 46663, or email: pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk.

"Projects on the fringe of the East Devon AONB may also be considered. Please call or email to see if your area could be included."

Nominations close at 'end of day' on August 14, 2018. Visit www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/enhance for nomination forms.

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by September 4, and invited to attend the Acland Award ceremony to receive an award at the AONB Annual Meeting on September 20, 2018. **AS**

Enigmatic variations at St Mary's Fête

EVERYONE is invited to take tea on the village green when the Enigma Border Morris will be one of the attractions at the annual summer fête of St Mary's Parish Church, Hemyock.

The event, running from 2pm to 5pm, will be on Saturday, July 7 at the Recreation Field next to the parish hall (inside if wet).

A spokesperson said: "Amongst the various stalls will be produce, plants, cakes and savouries, books, pocket money toys, raffles and second-hand goods.

"There will also be a barbecue and of course cream teas to enjoy."

The local Scout Group will be putting on a display of different activities throughout the afternoon and there will be a bouncy castle for youngsters to enjoy.

The Enigma Morris Dancers will be giving displays at 2.15pm and 3pm.

Stalls from other organisations or individuals are welcome.

Please contact 01823 680436 or 680174 for further details.

"We're often told that we don't look like other Morris Dancers."

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A grand day out at the 128th Honiton Show

THE Honiton & District Agricultural Association holds its 128th show on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

The 2018 main ring will be buzzing with activity including Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motocross Team and The Sheep Show.

The Sheep Show is a humorous show all about sheep. Highlights include sheep shearing and dancing sheep.

Visitors can meet Sheridan the Sheepdog and Pumpkin the Pony, described as "an enchanting and magical duo".

Sheridan rides his remotely-controlled tricycle and stops to chat to amazed audiences.

A very exciting attraction is making a flying visit to Honiton: two exhilarating aerobatic displays performed by Viperaerobatics flying the Pitts biplane.

The lower field incorporates all that is countryside with hurdle making, ferret racing, a blacksmiths' guild, 100 vintage tractors, The West of England Hound Show, the BHBA Marquee showcasing the businesses within the Blackdown Hills, and surrounding market towns and villages.

There is a dog show – pedigree and fun classes – Professor Twistopher's Punch and Judy show, and donkey rides.

If chickens are your interest, then there a poultry show and sale.

The Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST) Devon Support Group – which has been around in the county for more than 25 years – will also attend.

A spokesperson said: "We are dedicated to breeders and enthusiasts of our rare and native breeds here in Devon.

"We want to reach the whole of Devon to educate and inspire you to know of the rare and native breeds in Devon, so much so that we attend colleges and schools to inspire and educate our next generation.

"We want to hear from those of you who are dedicated to breeding and helping our rare and native breeds.

"Please come and talk and meet us at the show or feel free to contact Kim Brook, Secretary, at kim@kbrook.co.uk or on 01566 783232, or John Mills, Chairman, on 01805 804494."

No country show is complete without food, and the food hall will be bursting with local produce and food courts to tickle every taste bud.

New for 2018 is The Honiton Show Bake Off, enter our baking competition; make a "Honiton Show Stopper" or a cake for the President of the Show, we have classes for the under 11's too.

We have over 400 trade stands, which means shopping and interest for all.

The great news is we are holding our admission charges for 2018 so advance tickets are just £14.50 for a whole day of entertainment.

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A different charge at the Melplash Show

THE Melplash Show on August 23 has farming at its heart and gives everyone who takes part attends a chance to enjoy the riches of rural life by the sea.

The finest cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, as well as farm produce, food, rural crafts, bees, horticulture, and handicrafts from the local area will be show.

There is always a good number of competition classes for the whole family to take part in (schedules are available to view at www.melplash show.co.uk).

In the Toolstation main ring this year, the Society is excited to welcome The Cavalry of Heroes.

Marking the centenary of the end of World War One, it will be performing a special show remembering the role that the horses and soldiers played in The Great War.

For the young generation, there is a packed programme of farming to food activities: in the Discover Farming area, they can milk a goat, hold baby chicks, grind wheat, and make pancakes.

The Explore Farming tent is full of experiences: put on a VR headset and be on a tractor, combine harvester or in a milking parlour, fly a drone simulator, build a mini steel-framed barn or view – through a microscope – creatures that devastate our crops or harm our animals.

Tractor Ted is also visiting for the first time.

With special attractions in the main ring, the popular countryside arena with falconry display, ferret and terrier racing, a local food hall, cookery theatre, and over 300 trade stands, it really is an enjoyable and fun day out for all the family.

All children 16 years and under can attend the show for free. Adult tickets on the day are £16 and in advance are £14.

Advance tickets can be bought online or from local venues. There is a free bus throughout the day from Lyme Regis stopping at bus stops in Charmouth, Chideock and Bridport, a free park and ride on the Burton Road and also free parking off the A35.

To keep up-to-date, visit www.melplashshow.co. uk or follow Melplash Show on Facebook, Twitter and instagram.

Melplash Show, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4EG, on August 23, 2018 from 8am to 6pm.

Début for gin bar at beer fest

MAKE a date for the Blackdown Hills Beer & Music Festival on August 10 and 11.

A spokesperson said: "All our profits go to paying for music teaching and instruments in local schools and groups, so come along and have a great weekend so we can continue our good work."

The line up includes Los Albertos headlining the Friday night and The Skaravan Club closing the festival on Saturday.

"You can see the full line up on our website, book tickets at early-bird prices, and find out everything else you need to know," continued the spokesperson.

"We have loads of kids entertainment – all free – on Saturday afternoon so bring the family, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a day in the Blackdown Hills.

"You might even want to try your luck at our famous Rodeo Bull Challenge.

Appropriately enough for a beer festival, their will be a wide selection of real ales, lagers, local ciders, flavoured ciders, and wine available.

"And making its début this year will be the Prosecco and Gin Bar.

"There are also soft drinks available, so there really is something for everyone."

To accompany the drinks, will be serving a wide and varied selection of good, locally sourced food, including vegetarian options.

Tickets can be bought online in advance from www.blackdownbeerfestival.co.uk or on the gate.

"Camping is also available, and for more information check our FAQ section on the website or email us at info@blackdownbeerfestival.co.uk.

"So help support our cause and get your tickets now.

"See you there!"

The Blackdown Hills marquee is

THE Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA) will once again be hosting its famous Blackdown Hills Marquee at the 128th Honiton Show on Thursday, August 2, sponsored by Gigaclear.

As one of the largest one-day agricultural shows in the country, the show has a unique atmosphere that is not to be missed.

This year, the Blackdown Hills marquee will feature an array of local exhibitors to include food and drink producers, artisans, specialist nurseries, musicians, and businesses, giving you a unique experience of the talent that is present in the Blackdown Hills.

New for 2018 is the introduction of a stage area at the front of the marquee.

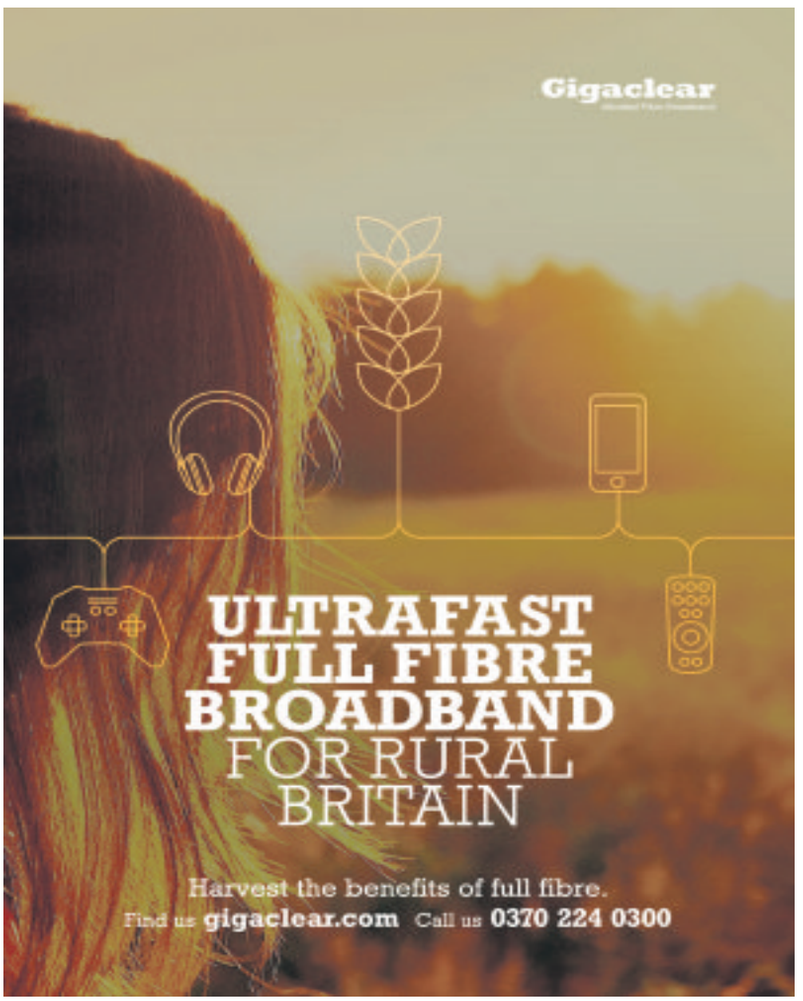
Here, exhibitors and organisations from within the Blackdown Hills will have the opportunity to speak in more details about what they do, the products they offer or how you can get involved in an informal setting.

With talks confirmed on how to restore furniture, business support schemes currently available and how Southdown Duvets are produced, there will be an extensive range of informative and entertaining presentations throughout the day that can be enjoyed from the haybale theatre.

BHBA is introducing a café to the marquee in conjunction with Brazier Coffee Roasters, which not only roasts its own crafted blends of single origin coffee, but also runs cafes at Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme and Tonedale Mill in Wellington and supply their coffee to many other local eateries. As in their cafes, they will be offering a their exceptional coffee, teas and delicious cakes.

So why not come and take a break from the hubbub of the showground with a coffee, while enjoying the tinkling of keys by William Young, a piano restorer and musician and browsing the range of locally produced products on offer, whilst soaking in the community atmosphere.

The marquee will not be short of interactive displays, with children's activities, and exhibitors such as The Blackdown Hills Hedge Association at the front of the marquee demonstrating techniques as well as providing details of events and courses it runs throughout the year.



'one of a kind'

The Blackdown Hills marquee is truly one of a kind and not to be missed when visiting the show, we can be found in the lower field, between the West of England Hound Show and the Vintage Tractors.

BHBA is proud to have the opportunity to showcase local businesses including, Gigaclear, Blackdown Hills AONB, Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Perrie Hale Nursery, Common Loaf Bakery, Scissor Happy, Sewing Sue, ST Electrical, Lentells Accountants, Dulford Nurseries, Southdown Duvets, Simply Naturals, Lesa Morley, Nostara Luxury Candles, PH Health & Fitness, Coldharbour Mill, Brazier Coffee Roasters, David Ball Furniture Restoration, William Young Piano Restoration, Somerset Business Agency, and many more.

BHBA is a not-for-profit membership based organisation supporting the fantastic array of businesses that operate within the Blackdown Hills and the surrounding market towns and villages of East Devon, Mid Devon, West Dorset, South Somerset and Taunton Deane. The Blackdown Hills has been awarded an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for over 25 years and is proud to celebrate the diversity of local services and skills provided, from micro business owners to small, medium and larger enterprises.

The vision of the BHBA has always been to help achieve a vital, vibrant, successful and sustainable economy within the Blackdown Hills, with the purpose to provide a relaxed and supportive environment in which businesses serving the Blackdown Hills can learn, connect and grow together.

For more information please visit www.bhba.org.uk. **GS**

Antique furniture: all is not lost

IN the heart of the Blackdowns is an artisan who specialises in the restoration of antique furniture. David Ball, of David Ball Furniture Restoration, has restored 1,600 pieces of furniture for more than 500 customers since 2005.

If you have antique furniture that is bent, blistered, broken or cracked; dirty, scratched, scuffed, split, stained, twisted, warped, wobbly or worm-eaten; or even has bits missing, bodged repairs, lifted veneer or loose joints, then David would welcome the chance to restore it for you.

From pieces to a restored mirror, these photographs demonstrate David's skills.

The Victorian dressing table mirror on his business card came to him in many pieces and is now fully restored as the before and after pictures show.

"People entrust me with their family heirlooms, often of great sentimental value, and they like the idea of putting them in the care of a good local restorer," he said.

He undertakes restoration for private individuals and, occasionally restores pieces from local auctions for resale via his website.

His services include free verbal estimates, paid condition reports and antique furniture restoration

using traditional methods. This covers veneering, French polishing, staining, waxing, fittings and glues as well as cane, rush and seagrass seating.

"I love my work, and I want your experience as my customer to be good enough for you to recommend me to others," said David.

For further information please contact David Ball on 01823 680607 or 07962 401408. Alternatively, send an email to dcb132@btinternet.com, or visit www.dbfr.co.uk.

Meet the team from Lentells at the Honiton Show

ADRIAN Stallard, Taunton director of Lentells Chartered Certified Accountants, and colleagues will be at the Honiton Show on August 2.

Explaining the company's ethos, he said: "We provide all our clients with a tailor-made service based on proactive advice, value and on-going support.

"We believe in building one-to-one relationships based on a genuine understanding of each client's business, the sector in which they operate and their own personal goals."

Mr Stallard, who has been with Lentells since 1996, said that the firm has have amassed much experience across a broad range of business sectors including agriculture and tourism.

"We work with a number of local businesses and offer advice to anyone thinking of starting their own business or becoming self employed.

"If you are considering moving to Cloud Accounting, we can advise you on the most suitable package for your business and help on initial set up, training and provide on-going support.

"In addition we can advise on all aspects of Estate Planning including help in drawing up and reviewing Wills, dealing with Probate and general Estate administration.

Finally, he said: "Do come and join us on our stand at the Honiton Show; we will be serving free refreshments throughout the day.

"It's a great opportunity for an informal chat about any accountancy, tax or financial issues."

Or, if you cannot make it to the show, visit www.lentells.co.uk.

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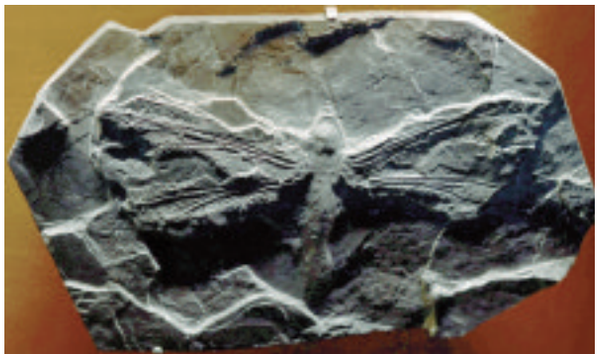
what's on in and around the Blackdown Hills

July's events and activities in the Blackdown Hills AONB



The giant Upper Carboniferous dragonfly ancestor, *Meganeura monyi*, attained a wingspan of about 27 inches (680mm). This specimen, in the Museum of Toulouse, was photographed by Alexandre Albore.

Planning an event in August and September? It's now time to tell the world. Send details to blackdowns@tindlenews.co.uk.

JUST a few of the many events taking place in the Blackdown Hills in July.

Walking for Health

Walking is great for health and happiness, and this walk offers a chance to explore the outdoors, get to know the local area, have a chat and meet new friends. Anyone can turn up and join in, and it is free, fun and friendly.

Please wear suitable clothing and walking shoes, and bring a water bottle especially in warm weather.

Grade 1: Local walk on flat ground or gentle slopes with mainly firm surfaces, no steps or stiles. Up to 30 minutes.

Grade 2: Walks may include moderate slopes, steps, uneven surfaces and possibly stiles. 30 – 60 minutes.

Meet at Hemyock Parish Hall on Thursday, July 5 at 10.50am for a walk of approximately 60 minutes.

For more information, visit www.westbank.org.uk.

Butterfly habitat monitoring and bracken cutting

Working on the Blackdown Hills Trust site at Keepers Field (near Wych Lodge) carrying out butterfly habitat monitoring and bracken cutting in the butterfly glades.

Access via Wych Lodge woodland track halfway between Staple Fitzpaine and Badger Street (grid reference: ST 261 191). Continue on the track for about three-quarters of a mile through gate and down to lake.

Please wear suitable outdoor clothes and boots, and bring packed lunch and water. Hot drinks will be provided.

Rally point is the track entrance, and the nearest postcode is TA3 5BN, and the activity will run from 9.30am to 3pm on Wednesday, July 18.

If you would like to come along, make contact via info@ncv.org.uk.

Discovering Dragonflies

This launches on Sunday, July 22 at Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard.

A host of dragonfly-themed activities, including sessions on willow-weaving, jewellery making, and junk modelling.

There will also be pond dipping, a dragonfly trail, and drop-in crafts too.

Most of the activities will be undercover, so it'll be a great day out, whatever the weather.

There will also be displays at Ferne Animal Sanctuary's visitor centre to inform people about the project and how they can get involved, along with some fascinating insights into the lives of dragonflies.

A spokesperson said: "Discovering Dragonflies is a new project, (run by Ferne Animal Sanctuary and supported by the National Lottery), aimed at raising awareness, inspiring and teaching people about dragonflies and our natural heritage.

"Dragonflies were around 50 million years before the first dinosaurs appeared. They are beautiful, inquisitive, incredibly aerobatic, territorial, and fantastic to watch, making them fascinating subjects to learn about.

"This launch event will showcase taster sessions of some of the dragonfly-themed events that will be happening over the next 14 months."

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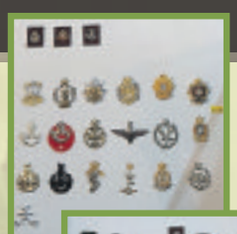

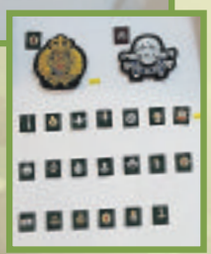

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Floral fun for lovely local ladies

ADDING a splash of summer into their homes, local ladies recently attended two sold-out flower arranging workshops at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall, near Chard.

Packed with an abundance of professional floristry tips from Somerset-based Jackie Nicholls of Ashville Design (her photos are right), they learnt how to create a vase full of beautiful British flowers bursting with colour and fragrance that would look stylish and add to their homes.

Watching step-by-step demonstrations first, there was plenty of laughter along the way. Then, when the ladies set to work, a lot of oohs and ahs as every table in the village hall was slowly transformed.

"There are numerous techniques that need to be learnt to create a really beautiful vase of flowers. But once mastered, it's great fun, the sky's the limit, and there's no end to what can be achieved," said Jackie.

Jean Rowe from Axminster said: "Jackie was, as always, revved up and ready to go which makes it a lot of fun. We were given lots of useful tips on buying flowers and preparing them for arranging. I was really pleased with the end result."

"I really enjoyed making two beautiful displays in my vases using various foliage, flowers and twigs to give different effects. I will definitely be recommending these workshops to my friends," added Sue Hipwood from Wadeford.

Jackie said: "These were the perfect workshops to complement British Flowers Week.

"The vases full of beautiful blooms created by the ladies are now on kitchen and dining room tables, dressers and window sills everywhere.

"Congratulations to both groups of lovely ladies who did so fabulously well and created some really beautiful designs.

"And I must say an additional well done to the ladies who were first-timers. It just goes to show you don't need to be arty, creative or have any experience to come to a workshop."

For details of workshops visit www.ashville design.co.uk.

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Temporary road closure in Hemyock next month

FOR essential repairs to a faulty cable, Devon County Council has issued a temporary road closure notice in Hemyock.

A spokesperson said: "The closure will be in force from Thursday, August 2 to Friday, August 3 and will affect the road from Pen Cross to Withy Cross, Hemyock.

"The alternative signed route will be Station Road, Culmstock Road, B3391, Prescott Road, B3391, A38, Nowers Lane, Oldway Road, Monument Road, Wellington Hill, Coombe Hill, and vice versa."

Relax; this is a stock image, and not what Hemyock will be like. An alternative route is planned and will be signposted during the works.

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